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SUBJECT: BURMESE AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON THE ACTING
SECRETARY

1. NEWLY-ARRIVED BURMESE AMBASSADOR U TIN LAT CALLED ON
THE DEPUTY SECRETARY AUGUST 7 TO PRESENT COPIES OF HIS
CREDENTIALS.

2. THE CONVERSATION WAS PRIMARILY NON-SUBSTANTIVE, BUT THE
DEPUTY SECRETARY DID EXPRESS PLEASURE AT THE PROGRESS
BEING MADE IN THE BURMESE ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORT. TIN LAT
EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR U.S. AID IN THIS FIELD, BUT HE
STRESSED THAT "WE DO NOT HAVE TO BE PUSHED" TO FIGHT
AGAINST ILLICIT NARCOTICS. THE GUB FELT THAT DRUG

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TRAFFICKING HAD TO BE SUPPRESSED NOT ONLY IN BURMA'S OWN

INTEREST BUT ALSO FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE WORLD AS A WHOLE. TIN LAT DESCRIBED SOME OF THE LONG-TERM BURMESE ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAMS SUCH AS CROP SUBSTITUTION AND POINTED OUT HOW THE DRUG TRAFFIC AND BURMA'S INSURGENCIES WERE INTERTWINED.

3. IN RESPONSE TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S QUESTION ABOUT PRC INVOLVEMENT IN THE INSURGENCY, TIN LAT SAID THAT PEKING SUPPORTED THE BCP BUT NOT THE OTHER ETHNIC, NON-COMMUNIST INSURGENCIES. HE MENTIONED THE CHINESE CONDOLENCE MESSAGE ON THE RECENT DEATH OF BCP LEADERS. ASKED ABOUT BURMA'S ATTITUDE TOWARD ASEAN, TIN LAT SAID THAT BURMA WAS STILL NOT INTERESTED IN JOINING. HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT BURMA HAD EXCELLENT BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF ASEAN AND THAT THIS WAS SUFFICIENT.

4. OTHER SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON IN THE COURSE OF THE TWENTY-MINUTE CONVERSATION WERE THE EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE AT PAGAN, THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF THE BURMESE DANCE TROUPE, THE CHARLIE BYRD VISIT TO RANGOON, OIL EXPLORATION IN BURMA, AND TOURISM IN BURMA. KISSINGER

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